

Quarterly Population Report

Third Quarter 2014

Growing, but slowing¹

Alberta continues to experience solid gains, but growth is moderating. As of October 1, 2014, Alberta's population was 4,145,992, an increase of 24,300 people from the second quarter. Alberta's population grew at a rate of 0.59% this quarter, closely followed by British Columbia (0.58%), the two fastest growing provinces this quarter. This is the first time in 15 quarters that Alberta's population growth rate did not outpace the three largest provinces by a substantial margin.

Year-over-year, Alberta's population expanded by 2.64%², more than twice the national average (1.10%). Over this period, the province added 106,810 new residents, down slightly from the last year's record high, but still a striking increase.

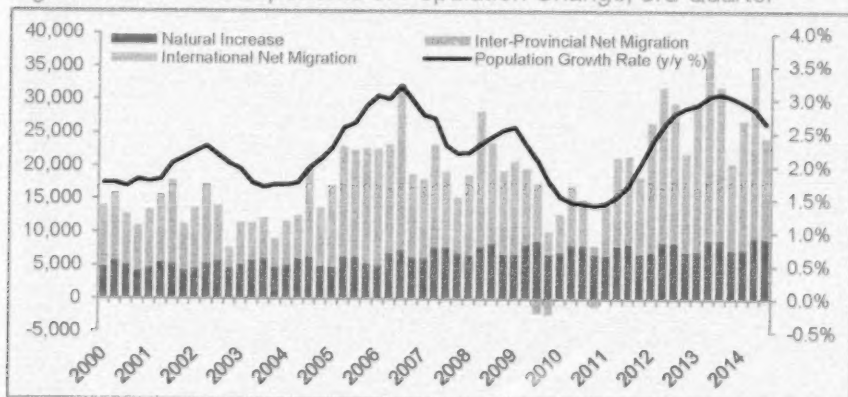
¹ All data are from Statistics Canada. Estimates from 2007-2014 are based on the 2011 Census adjusted for net census undercount and incompletely enumerated Indian Reserves. All estimates are subject to revision.

² This growth represents year-over-year variation (October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014)

Table 1: Population & Growth Rates Canada and Alberta

Population			Yearly Growth Rate		
1-Oct	Canada	Alberta	1-Oct	Canada	Alberta
2009	33,756,714	3,694,520	2009	1.15%	2.08%
2010	34,131,451	3,747,504	2010	1.11%	1.43%
2011	34,472,304	3,811,729	2011	1.00%	1.71%
2012	34,880,248	3,918,218	2012	1.18%	2.79%
2013	35,289,003	4,039,182	2013	1.17%	3.09%
2014	35,675,834	4,145,992	2014	1.10%	2.64%

Figure 1: Alberta Components of Population Change, 3rd Quarter



Migration

Migration continues to drive Alberta's growth, accounting for just under two-thirds of the population growth in the quarter. Alberta welcomed 15,171 new residents from other parts of Canada and the rest of the world. While still solid growth, this level is lower than the enormous inflows seen over the last few years, a trend that points to softening net migration to Alberta (Figure 1).

Interprovincial Migration

Thanks to interprovincial migration, Alberta welcomed 6,320 new residents. While not a weak showing in the broader historical context, net inflows were down almost 40% compared to the same quarter in 2013 (10,300).

Table 2: Population of Provinces/Territories

	Population Oct. 1, 2014	Growth Rate y/y
Canada	35,675,834	1.10%
NL	526,837	-0.38%
PEI	146,524	0.68%
NS	943,932	0.14%
NB	754,643	-0.07%
QC	8,236,310	0.77%
ON	13,730,187	0.93%
MB	1,286,323	1.33%
SK	1,129,899	1.63%
AB	4,145,992	2.64%
BC	4,657,947	1.19%
YT	36,758	1.27%
NWT	43,795	-0.08%
NVT	36,687	2.53%

Among the provinces, only Alberta and British Columbia experienced positive net inflows of interprovincial migrants in the third quarter. On the other hand, Quebec (-5,021) and Manitoba (-2,363) saw the largest net losses. The majority of Alberta's newcomers were from Ontario (2,677), Quebec (2,110) and Manitoba (1,016) (Table 3).

This quarter marks some notable shifts in interprovincial migration patterns. Firstly, while Ontario continues to be a major source of interprovincial migrants moving to Alberta, this quarter's net flow is the lowest since the end of 2011. Secondly, Alberta recorded a net loss to British Columbia for the first time since early 2011. As Ontario and British Columbia are historically large players in the interprovincial migration scene, these shifts may foreshadow lower gains for Alberta in the future.

Net International Migration

Net international migration added 8,851 new Albertans this quarter, accounting for 36% of Alberta's population increase.

The province continues to be very attractive to immigrants, welcoming 10,289 permanent residents this quarter, the highest third quarter on record. Alberta drew 15.7% of all immigrants arriving in Canada. Only Ontario (35.0%) and Quebec (22.6%) attracted larger shares of immigrants this quarter.

In the past several years, net non-permanent residents (NPRs) have helped drive Alberta's blistering population growth. As mentioned last quarter, Citizenship and Immigration Canada is now using new methods to allocate NPRs to specific provinces/territories when none is specified. This change has reduced the net number of NPRs to Alberta in recent quarters. This, in addition

to policy changes related to the Temporary Foreign Worker program, has impacted the net flow of NPRs to Alberta this quarter. The province received just 431 NPRs (net), less than 1/10th of the NPRs received the same quarter last year (5,487).

The decrease in net NPRs is a drag on international gains for Alberta; however, the province remains the destination of choice for record numbers of permanent residents from other parts of the world.

Natural Increase

Alberta's natural increase continued to be a significant driver of growth this quarter, with 14,874 births and 5,745 deaths recorded. The provincial population grew by 9,129 people, or 0.22% this quarter thanks solely to natural increase. Alberta claims the highest natural growth rate of all the provinces, and our relatively high birth rate will help keep us youthful.

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Map 1: Net Population Movement for Alberta July 1 to September 30, 2014

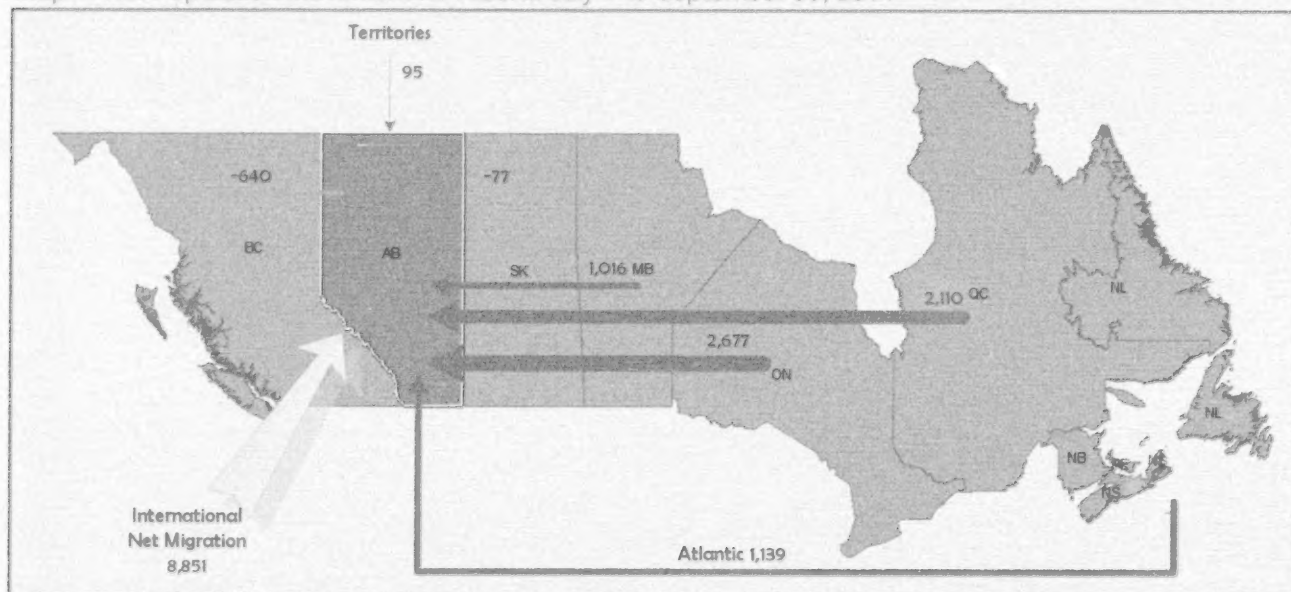


Table 3: Origin and Destination of Interprovincial Migrants July 1 to September 30, 2014

	Destination												
	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Origin	NL	0	13	422	82	82	733	69	33	755	98	0	0
	PEI	31	0	143	35	43	228	0	54	189	94	0	0
	NS	269	60	0	410	252	1,127	50	76	1,345	302	25	64
	NB	102	24	519	0	361	1,133	39	116	831	265	0	34
	QC	21	15	206	459	0	5,657	88	222	2,945	1,186	28	59
	ON	389	116	1,342	847	3,459	0	941	1,134	6,867	3,945	107	120
	MB	40	0	76	15	137	1,316	0	473	1,630	1,147	0	40
	SK	27	0	70	89	145	1,142	392	0	1,867	1,258	0	12
	AB	642	64	807	468	835	4,190	614	1,944	0	6,076	98	121
	BC	97	9	229	125	375	3,042	273	511	5,436	0	128	81
	YT	0	0	0	0	72	39	0	56	39	73	0	0
	NWT	0	0	29	7	0	65	50	18	275	108	7	0
	NVT	11	0	28	51	123	27	0	0	0	0	29	0
	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
IN	1,629	301	3,871	2,588	5,884	18,699	2,516	4,637	22,179	14,552	393	560	116
OUT	2,287	817	4,008	3,424	10,905	19,301	4,879	5,002	15,859	10,336	279	559	269
NET	-658	-516	-137	-836	-5,021	-602	-2,363	-365	6,320	4,216	114	1	-153
Q3 2014	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Outflow to AB	755	189	1,345	831	2,945	6,867	1,630	1,867	0	5,436	39	275	0
Inflow from AB	642	64	807	468	835	4,190	614	1,944	0	6,076	98	121	0
Net Flow to AB	113	125	538	363	2,110	2,677	1,016	-77	0	-640	-59	154	0

Table 4: Alberta Components of Growth by Quarter

Quarters in Census Year	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration						Total	Vital Events		Total*
	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net	Total Net Migration	Births	Deaths	Sum of Components
2010-11													
Jul-Sep	16,766	16,767	-1	9,485	-1,792	2,165	710	1,942	6,760	6,759	13,218	5,110	14,867
Oct-Dec	12,428	11,098	1,330	6,667	-6,610	1,511	475	868	-1,061	269	12,222	5,438	7,053
Jan-Mar	15,768	12,608	3,160	5,916	-309	1,607	471	852	4,381	7,541	12,203	5,582	14,162
Apr-Jun	19,013	15,059	3,954	8,389	1,460	1,459	628	1,569	9,331	13,285	13,210	5,176	21,319
Total	63,975	55,532	8,443	30,457	-7,251	6,742	2,284	5,231	19,411	27,854	50,853	21,306	57,401
2011-12													
Jul-Sep	20,972	17,495	3,477	8,970	2,607	2,966	680	1,843	9,774	13,251	13,404	5,117	21,538
Oct-Dec	14,677	9,560	5,117	7,690	6	1,550	548	795	6,393	11,510	12,223	5,358	18,375
Jan-Mar	21,569	10,849	10,720	7,520	2,560	1,529	528	794	8,817	19,537	12,740	5,712	26,565
Apr-Jun	23,619	15,281	8,338	10,386	5,391	1,621	529	1,432	15,059	23,397	13,870	5,304	31,963
Total	80,837	53,185	27,652	34,566	10,564	7,666	2,285	4,864	40,043	67,695	52,237	21,491	98,441
2012-13													
Jul-Sep	23,833	13,735	10,098	9,086	3,701	3,001	680	1,843	10,949	21,047	13,856	5,317	29,586
Oct-Dec	14,808	6,394	8,414	9,103	-1,336	1,571	548	795	6,443	14,857	12,679	5,575	21,961
Jan-Mar	19,648	10,163	9,485	8,095	5,737	1,549	528	794	12,549	22,034	13,230	5,944	29,320
Apr-Jun	26,313	15,712	10,601	10,582	8,330	1,640	529	1,432	18,175	28,776	14,446	5,522	37,700
Total	84,602	46,004	38,598	36,866	16,432	7,761	2,285	4,864	48,116	86,714	54,211	22,358	118,567
2013-14													
Jul-Sep	26,616	16,347	10,269	9,156	5,487	3,032	680	1,843	12,774	23,043	14,483	5,543	31,983
Oct-Dec	17,477	11,814	5,663	8,806	-60	1,587	548	795	7,406	13,069	13,248	5,808	20,509
Jan-Mar	24,296	14,715	9,581	10,346	699	1,566	528	794	9,745	19,326	13,809	6,187	26,948
Apr-Jun	33,111	19,907	13,204	12,708	601	1,658	530	1,432	12,553	25,757	15,042	5,746	35,053
Total	101,500	62,783	38,717	41,016	6,727	7,843	2,286	4,864	42,478	81,195	56,582	23,284	114,493
2014-15													
Jul-Sep	22,179	15,859	6,320	10,289	431	3,032	680	1,843	8,851	15,171	14,874	5,745	24,300
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jan-Mar	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apr-Jun	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	22,179	15,859	6,320	10,289	431	3,032	680	1,843	8,851	15,171	14,874	5,745	24,300